

Remarks

Claims 59-102 are pending in the application. Claims 59-65, 67-68, 71, 75-76, 78, 80, 81-82, 85-86, 88-90, 92, 94 and 96 are amended herein. Claim 59 is amended to include limitations previously recited in claims 60 and 61. Claim 60 and 61 are amended herein to remove limitations now included in claim 59; additional support for the amendment of claim 59 can be found throughout the specification, such as but not limited to page 10, page 15 and pages 24-25. The claims are also amended to correct form, such as to make the claims dependent. Claims 66, 69-70, 79, 87 and 91 are canceled herein, without prejudice. New claims 103-108 are added herein; support for these claims can be found throughout the specification, such as on pages 24-30.

Applicants believe no new matter is added herein. Substantive examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Restriction Requirement

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect **Group I** (claims 59-65), drawn to a dental pulp multipotent stem cell, without traverse.

The examiner has required restriction between product and process claims. As set forth in MPEP § 821.04, when applicant elects claims directed to the product, and the product claims are subsequently found allowable, withdrawn process claims that depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of the allowable product claim should be considered for rejoinder. It is the Applicants understanding that all claims directed to a nonelected process that include all the limitations of an allowable product claim will be rejoined. In the event of rejoinder, the requirement for restriction between the product claims and the rejoined process claims will be withdrawn, and the rejoined process claims will be fully examined for patentability in accordance with 37 CFR §1.104. The method claims are amended herein to ensure they are dependent on claim 1, or a dependent claim thereof, to ensure they are in condition for rejoinder.

New claims 103-108 are added herein. New claims 103-107 are drawn to a dental pulp multipotent stem cell, and thus are included in the subject matter of Group I. New claim 108 is a method claim that depends from claim 1. This claim should also be in condition for rejoinder following allowance of a product claim.

Claims 59-65 and 103-107 read on the elected invention.

Conclusion

Applicants believe the present application is ready for substantive examination, which action is requested. In the unlikely event that anything further is required regarding the election of Group I (claims 59-63 and new claims 103-107) the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned for a telephone interview at the telephone number listed below. It is believed that a brief discussion may expedite prosecution. This request is being submitted under MPEP §713.01, which indicates that an interview may be arranged in advance by a written request.

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